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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: BAKER, Keith H., et al :  
Serial No.: 09/785,876 : Group Art Unit: 1751  
Filed: February 16, 2001 : Examiner: E.B. Elhilo  
For: **Compositions For Pre-Treating Shoes And Methods And Articles  
Employing Same**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 27.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A pre-treating composition for shoes comprising a polymeric soil release agent in an amount effective to provide soil release benefit, and a spreading agent.